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Appointment of Mr. B. Adiseshayya as Election Officer, in addition to his duties as Special Officer, Bezwada Municipality.

* 11 *Q.*—Rai Sahib C. KOLANDA REDDI :— Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. B. Adiseshayya has been appointed as Election Officer in addition to his duties as Special Officer;

(*b*) what salary this post carries; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that as Election Officer he is revising the list of voters of the Bezwada Municipality?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, who is the Election authority for local board and municipal elections, has appointed the Special Officer of the Bezwada Municipality for the revision of the electoral rolls of the Masulipatam and Bezwada Municipalities.

(*b*) The Special Officer is paid no additional remuneration for doing this work.

Rai Sahib C. KOLANDA REDDI :—" Is Mr. B. Adiseshayya appointed as Special Officer or Commissioner? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" Originally he was appointed Special Officer and subsequently he was appointed Commissioner."

Resolution of the Salem Municipal Council regarding the admission of Harijans into coffee hotels.

* 12 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Salem Municipal Council has passed a resolution to the effect that permits for running coffee hotels in its area should be issued only to those who would allow access to Harijans as freely as to other sections of the community;

(*b*) whether the Government have vetoed the resolution; and

(*c*) if so, the reasons for their doing so?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Government cancelled the Council's resolution for the following reasons, viz. :—

(1) the Collector of Salem stated that the resolution is opposed to a large body of public opinion, and considered that while it may not be of any benefit to the non-caste Hindus it may create trouble between them and the caste people; and

(2) in the opinion of the Government the by-law contemplated by the resolution might, if enforced, lead to a riot or an affray.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether any representations were made to the Collector by the public in Salem? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I have no information."